

ELEMENTS OF QUALITY

§ 29.3586 Elements of quality and degrees of each element.

These standardized words or terms are used to describe tobacco quality and to assist in interpreting grade specifications. Tobacco attributes or characteristics which constitute qual-

ity are designated as elements of quality. The range within each element is expressed by the use of words or terms designated as degrees. These several degrees are arranged to show their relative value, but the actual value of each degree varies with type, group, and grade.

Elements		Degrees			
Maturity	Imma- ture.	Underri- pe.	Mature	Ripe.	
Body		Thin	Medium	Heavy.	
Leaf structure		Close ...	Firm	Open.	
Leaf surface		Rough	Crepy ..	Smooth.	
Oil		Lean	Oily	Rich.	
Finish		Dull	Normal	Clear.	
Color intensity		Pale	Mod- erate.	Deep.	
Elasticity		Inelastic	Semiel- astic.	Elastic.	
Width		Narrow	Normal	Spread- y.	
Uniformity		(1)	(1)	(1).	
Injury tolerance		(1)	(1)	(1).	

¹ Expressed in percentage.

SIZES

§ 29.3591 Standard tobacco sizes.¹

Inches	Sizes
12-20	1
20-28	2
Over 28	3

¹ The application of sizes is governed by the major portion of the lot or package.

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RULES

§ 29.3601 Rules.

The application of §§ 29.3501 to 29.3568, § 29.3591, §§ 29.3646 to 29.3648, §§ 29.3650 to 29.3652 and 29.3681 shall be in accordance with the following rules.

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§ 29.3602 Rule 1.

Each grade shall be treated as a subdivision of a particular type. When the grade is stated in an inspection certificate, the type also shall be stated.

§ 29.3603 Rule 2.

The determination of a grade shall be based upon a thorough examination of a lot of tobacco or of an official sample of the lot.

§ 29.3604 Rule 3.

In drawing an official sample from a hogshead or other package of tobacco, three or more breaks shall be made at such points and in such manner as the inspector or sampler may find necessary to determine the kinds of tobacco and the percentage of each kind contained in the lot. All breaks shall be made so that the tobacco contained in the center of the package is visible to the sampler. Tobacco shall be drawn from at least three breaks from which a representative sample shall be selected. The sample shall include tobacco of each different group, quality, color, length, and kind found in the lot in proportion to the quantities of each contained in the lot.

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§ 29.3605 Rule 4.

All standard grades must be clean.

§ 29.3606 Rule 5.

The grade assigned to any lot of tobacco shall be a true representation of the tobacco at the time of inspection and certification. If, at any time, it is found that a lot of tobacco does not comply with the specifications of the